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1. A flour mill owned and operated by my family was located in the village of Toliunei, Lithuania, 20 - 30 ft off the main street. The back of the mill faced the Javio river, whose current provided power for the mill's operation.
2. The village of Gogobrest, settled by Russian settlers at an unknown date, is on the opposite bank of the river. Toliunei children attended school operated by the Russian church in Gogobrest.
3. The mill was erected about 1900 by a Lithuanian knight who lived in the area. He sold it to a Lithuanian of Jewish ancestry, from whom we purchased the mill in 1928. The building is three-stories high and has an eaved-roof. The walls are heavy concrete, three ft thick at the bottom, tapering to six in at the top. The old roof was replaced by a tiled one in 1943. The approximate dimensions of the building are 100x40 ft. (See Enclosure (A) location of the mill).
4. The first floor was primarily for receiving and shipping, but the main shaft and the turbine, power transmitters, and belts were located on it. This floor also contained an office, a living room, two bedrooms, and a kitchen. One section of a grain-cleaning machine was located on this floor, although a unit of the machine was located on all three floors. This machine removed dirt, foreign matter, and a part of the husk from the wheat. The cleaned grain was used to make better quality flour. The grain was carried between floors on a belt conveyor with large cups attached.

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5. Actual milling operations were on the second floor. There were two stone wheels of conventional type; one a rough wheel to grind coarse mixtures (cattle food), and a finer wheel which ground poorer grades of flour. A milling machine, used to grind better grades of flour, was used in conjunction with the three-unit cleaning machine. These machines were built in Riga, Latvia, about 1909, [redacted]
6. Three wool-cleaning machines were located on the second floor and were separated from the milling operations by a frame wall. Two of them cleaned the wool; the third brushed and bagged it. These machines were purchased in Germany about 1936. They could be operated only with electricity.
7. The third floor was devoted entirely to storage space. Unmilled grains were lifted to the third floor by a hand operated elevator, and six chutes carried it to the milling floor.
8. The mill could either be operated by water power or by a British Crossley Brothers Diesel unit, purchased in 1939, when the river was low. The water or Diesel power agitated a turbine which was directly connected to a generator. Both turbine and generator were German made, the turbine about 1929, the generator about 1930. The generator provided electricity for the illumination of the mill and outbuildings.
9. There was generally sufficient water in the river to operate the mill except in July, August and September. When the river was too low to operate the milling machinery, it was still able to turn the turbine sufficiently to provide electricity. Water power operated the machinery more efficiently than the Diesel unit.

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1 ton rough grains/hr - (oats, cattle food) using the rough stone;
 1/2-ton of other grains/hr - (rye, barley, wheat) using smooth stone; and
 400-500 lbs/hr of high quality flour using the milling machine.

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11. The mill employed six workers on a full time basis. Additional workers were hired during the busy season. A maintenance man and carpenter who lived in the vicinity were on call and were paid a monthly retainer. The mill was an extremely lucrative business and I would estimate its value at US\$75-100 thousand. [redacted] in early 1946 [redacted] the Soviet government was operating the mill.

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12. Soviet regulation of the mill was very cautious during their 1940-41 occupation of Lithuania. [redacted] they would have ultimately confiscated the mill but they did not occupy the country long enough to do so.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Showing Area Surrounding the Mill
 (B): Sketch Showing Layout of the First Floor of Mill
 (C): Sketch Showing Layout of the Second Floor of Mill

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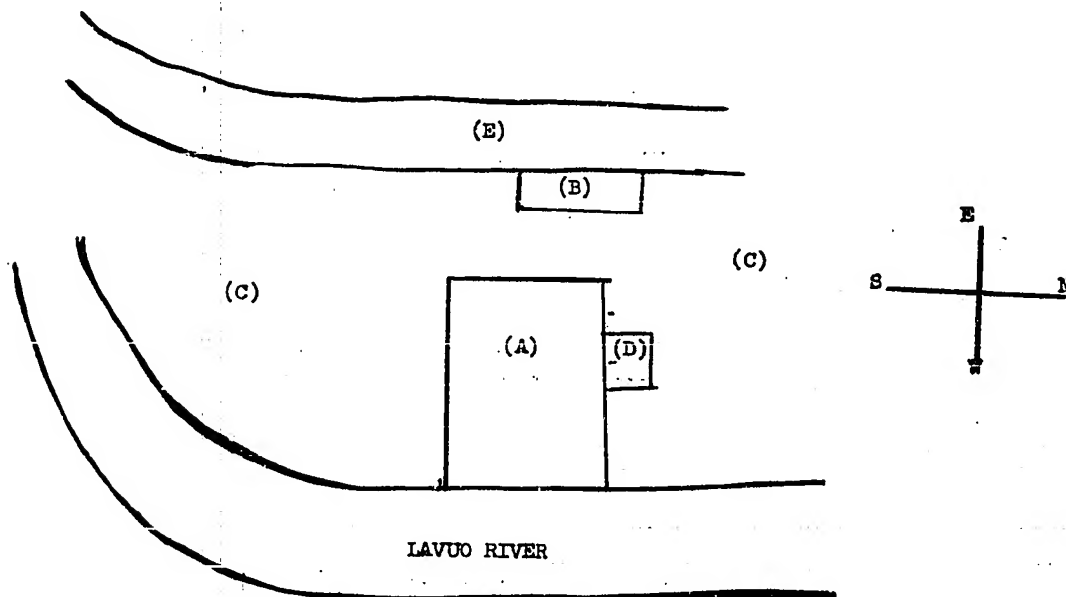
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ENCLOSURE (A)

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SKETCH SHOWING AREA SURROUNDING THE MILL



- (A) Mill
- (B) Barn
- (C) Garden
- (D) Diesel Unit Room
- (E) Main street - Village of Toliunai

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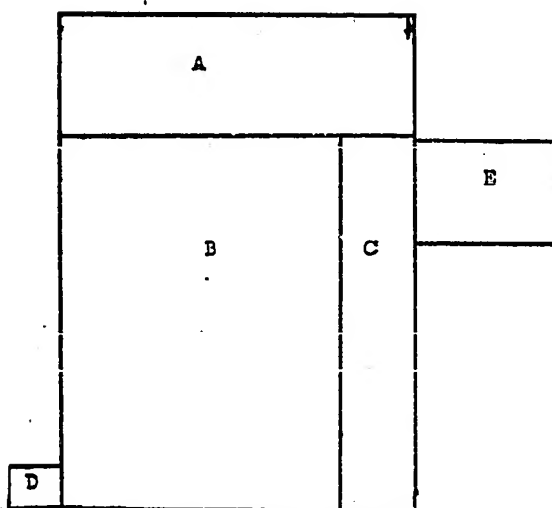
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ENCLOSURE (B)

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SKETCH SHOWING LAYOUT OF THE FIRST FLOOR OF MILL



- (A) Office and Living Space
- (B) Receiving and Shipping Space
- (C) Machinery Space
- (D) Door
- (E) Diesel Propulsion Unit

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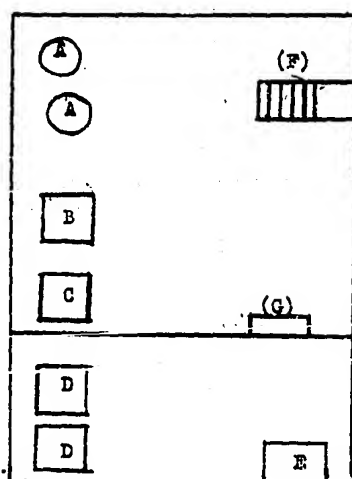
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ENCLOSURE (C)

SKETCH SHOWING LAYOUT OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF MILL



- (A) Grinding Machines
- (B) Flour Machine
- (C) Unit of Cleaning Machine
- (D) Wool Cleaning Machine
- (E) Wool Combing Machine
- (F) Stairs
- (G) Door

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